ment to secure cooperation of the Soviet Union in new areas of industry; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof? -

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TE-WARY): (a) and (b) in the continuing effort to seek new areas of production cooperation between India and the Soviet Union, some new areas have been broadly identifier by Indo-Soviet Working Group on Machine Building and Production Cooperation. These are in an exploratory stage.

Assistance to Andhra Governmentfor reviving sick small scaleindustries

1799. SHR1 PARVATHANENI UP-ENDRA; Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:

(a) Whether any financial assistance has been given by the Central Government to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for reviving sick small-scale industries in that State; and

(b) if so, what is the total amount given by the Central Government to the Government of Andhra Pradesh for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir. With a view to assisting the State Governments in reducing the incidence of sickness amongst small scale tmitg and to ensure greater utilisation of capacity installed, the Central Government is administering since 1983-84 a margin money scheme for revival of sick small scale units to supplement the efforts of State Governments, the Reserve Bank of India. Commercial Banks and other institutions in thus regard. The Central Government makes available loan assistance under this scheme on a matching basis to State Governments insterested in participation in the scheme. The State Government of Andhra Pradesh availed of Central loan assistance under this scheme during 1983-84.

(b) The total amount sanctioned -under this scheme to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh was Rs. 5 lakhs.

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; Consultant for power projects

1801. SHRI PARVATHANENI UP-ENDRA; Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether approval of a consul tant for the three gas based power projects at Kawas in Gujarat, Anta in Rajasthan and Auriya in Uttar Pradesh which were allotted to the National Thermal Power Corporation in 1985 has since been accorded;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the total installed capa city of the three plants; and

(d) by when the three projects will be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY. (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The scope of consultancy covers review of specifications, tech nical evaluation of bids, detailed en gineering, preparation of engineering documents and Manuals and assistance for supervision in erec tion, testing and commissioning of plant. H *